

22 October 2009

Our Reference – 25640/C000/006

Midlothian Council
Midlothian House
Buccleuch Street
Dalkeith
EH22 1DN

FOR THE ATTENTION OF IAN JOHNSON

Dear Sirs

ZERO WASTE PROJECT - PROPOSAL OF APPLICATION NOTICE

As per the requirements of the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006, we have pleasure submitting a Proposal of Application Notice the submission of an application seeking Planning Permission in Principle (PPiP) for the development of a waste treatment facility at Millerhill, EH21 8RZ (NGR: 332352, 670580). A plan depicting the outline of the site is enclosed with this Notice.

The anticipated date for submission of the PPiP application is 26th February 2010, therefore approximately 18 weeks from the date of this correspondence. The proposed development is considered to be a major development under the Town and Country Planning (Hierarchy of Developments) (Scotland) Regulations 2009.

The facility may include the following components: Anaerobic Digestion, mechanical/biological treatment (MBT) or mechanical heat treatment (MHT), Energy from Waste (EFW), Combined Heat and Power (CHP) and a visitor centre. This development is potentially the first phase of a Zero Waste Parc on this site. Therefore additional applications may be sought in the future for development in this area for potentially related businesses.

We trust that the enclosed information meets the requirements of the Regulations. Please direct any comments or queries to the undersigned.

Yours faithfully

RACHEL GREEN

Consultant
Direct Line –
E-mail –

CC: Danderhall and District, Craigmillar, and Musselburgh and Inveresk Community Councils

Enc. Proposal of Application Notice (25640/D040/005)

Site Location Plan (25640 E002)

Proposal of Application Notice

1.1 Development Description

This Proposal of Application Notice relates to the submission of an application seeking Planning Permission in Principle (PPiP) for the development of a waste treatment facility. This is considered to be a major development under the Town and Country Planning (Hierarchy of Developments) (Scotland) Regulations 2009. The facility is intended to include all or some of the following components: Anaerobic Digestion, mechanical/biological treatment (MBT) or mechanical heat treatment (MHT), Energy from Waste (EFW), Combined Heat and Power (CHP) and a visitor centre. This development is being progressed by Midlothian and City of Edinburgh Councils in joint partnership, and will assist the Councils to meet their obligations in terms of recycling, composting and diversion of biodegradable municipal waste to landfill to 2020 and beyond. This development is potentially the first phase of a Zero Waste Parc on this site. Therefore additional applications may be sought in the future for development in this area for potentially related businesses.

1.2 Address of Site

The proposed development site is located on part of the former rail marshalling yard at Millerhill, EH21 8RZ. The centre of the site is located at national grid reference (NGR) 332352, 670580. A plan depicting the outline of the site is enclosed with this Notice.

1.3 Contact Details

The contact details for the Applicant and Agent are given in the table on the following page:

Table 1 Contact details

	Applicant	Agent
Contact Name	City of Edinburgh & Midlothian Councils per Gordon Pollock	Linda Ovens (Entec UK Ltd)
Address	Midlothian Council Fairfield House 8 Lothian Road Dalkeith EH22 1AA	Doherty Innovation Centre Pentlands Science Park Bush Loan Penicuik EH26 0PZ
Telephone Number	0131 271 3365	0131 448 1162
Email Address	zerowasteteam@midlothian.gov.uk	Linda.Ovens@entecuk.co.uk

1.4 Community Engagement Undertaken to Date

A number of community engagement exercises have already been undertaken regarding this project. These include the following:

- Mail drop of information to residents of the following areas:
 - Cloverfoot Cottages;
 - Caulcoats;
 - Hilltown Terrace;
 - Hillton;
 - Moorfield Cottages;
 - Bellslaw Cottage;
 - Newton Village;
 - Harelaw;
 - Hope Cottage;
 - Wester Millerhill;
 - Easter Millerhill;
 - Millerhill Park;

- Wellington House;
 - Wellington Farm;
 - Newton Cottages;
 - Newton;
 - Newton House;
 - Monkton House;
 - Old Craighall;
 - Birchlea;
 - Whitehall Mains; and
 - Shawfair.
- Letter to Danderhall and District Community Council
 - Contact with local businesses, landowners and other stakeholders such as Queen Margaret University
 - Briefings with MSPs and MPs for the Edinburgh and Midlothian area.

1.5 Consultation Proposed

The Applicant intends to undertake a comprehensive Community Engagement process. This will include the following components:

- Two public events to be held at the Danderhall Community Centre, Newtonchurch Road, Danderhall, EH22 1LU on 28th November (11am to 4pm) and 01st December (7pm to 9pm). These events will include staff on site to discuss the project with members of the public and information boards explaining the project. Feedback forms will be provided in order to allow attendees to comment on the proposals.
- Leaflet drop of information to residents (as listed above) to advise residents of forthcoming public events regarding the project. These letters will be sent by the 20th November 2009. Contact details will be provided in order for recipients to make comments on the proposals or to request additional information.
- Leaflet drop of information to local businesses, landowners and other stakeholders such as Queen Margaret University and East Lothian Council to advise of forthcoming public events regarding the project. Individual meetings will be offered to each stakeholder. These letters will be sent by the 20th November 2009. Contact

details will be provided in order for recipients to make comments on the proposals or to request additional information.

- Letters to Danderhall and District, Craigmillar, and Musselburgh and Inveresk Community Councils. These letters will provide information regarding this project. Individual meetings will be offered to each Community Council. These letters will be sent by the 20th November 2009.
- Letters to SNH, SEPA, the Health and Safety Executive, Highways Agency and Historic Scotland. These letters will provide information regarding this project. Individual meetings will be offered to each agency. These letters will be sent by the 20th November 2009.
- Advertisement of public events on webpage, in local libraries and in local newspapers at least 7 days prior to each event.
- A dedicated webpage, updated regularly, which will reference an email address to which comments can be sent. The City of Edinburgh and Midlothian Council websites will also provide information about the project and provide a link to the dedicated website (once it is 'live').
- Additional public consultation event following the completion of initial appraisals as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment process (provisionally in January).

Additional consultation will also be undertaken throughout Midlothian and Edinburgh by the Scottish Waste Awareness Group (SWAG). This will complement the consultation undertaken by the applicant. The feedback received from members of the public at the public events will be used to inform the design of the proposal and the Environmental Impact Assessment being undertaken simultaneously with the application for Planning Permission in Principle.